

Recycling Public Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes for Thursday, May 23, 2013

Location: DelDot Felton/Farmington Room, 800 Bay Road, Dover 19901

Members present: BJ Vinton, Chairman (CSWSC)
Paul Bickhart (Recycling Industry)
Mike Parkowski (DSWA)
Marjorie Crofts (DNREC)
George Danneman (Soda Beverage Industry)
Brenna Goggin, (Delaware Nature Society)
Michael Fusca (Alcohol Beverage Industry)
Bob Ziegler, (Waste Hauler Industry)
Basil Kollias (DE Chamber of Commerce)
Dick Cecil (DE Association of Counties)
Marianne Cinaglia (DeIEASI)
Julie Miro Wenger (Del. Food Industry Council)
Stan Mills (League of Local Governments)
Coralie Pryde (League of Women Voters)

Members absent: Kelly Davis (Educator, DelTech-Owens Campus)
Carrie Leishman (Restaurant Industry)

Non-members present: Jim Short (DNREC) Tracy Sargent (DNREC)
Nancy Marker (DNREC) Don Long (DNREC)
Joe Maier (Econo-Haul) Michael Cheney (WBOC)

BJ Vinton called the meeting to order at approximately 10:02 A.M.

Public Comments

None

Approval of Minutes April 19, 2013 Meeting

- Stan M. requested the names of the Commercial Recycling Grant Subcommittee members be added to the April meeting minutes.
- At the April meeting, Marianne C. asked the RPAC members could a homeowner trash/recycling collection guide could be posted on its website but RPAC asked Marianne to post on the DeIEASI webpage. At the May meeting, Marianne informed the RPAC DeIEASI doesn't have a webpage to post items on. She requested that BJ revisit the wording in the guide. BJ agreed.
- BJ asked that the words "paper quiet" be changed to "slow and steady" in the April minutes.
- BJ explained to the members the difference between "not voting" and "abstaining" when it comes time to vote. There is no such position in the Official Robert's Rule of Order book and BJ doesn't want to create a position so George D. was listed as abstaining in the April minutes. There will be only 2 ways of voting on items: 1) abstain and add a comment or 2) vote. Stan M. brought up the fact that a member can leave the room instead of abstaining and be counted as absent. Once the above changes were discussed the members approved the April minutes unanimously.

Bottle Fee Collection Update/Yard Waste Funding

Jim S. reported that Revenue did not report yet for April but March's number was \$229,000.

Marj C. informed the Council that the General Assembly has required that DNREC keep the Polly Drummond yard waste site open. The FY 13 Epilogue Language also allows the use of the bottle fee to support yard waste

sites. With no other funding available, DNREC has encumbered \$252,000 of the bottle fee revenue to close out the DART site and maintain the Polly Drummond site. To date, DNREC has spent \$122,000 of the funds encumbered. Marj C has requested an allocation of the penalty fund to reimburse the funds encumbered. This request has to be approved by both the Budget Office and the Comptroller General's Office. Also, Senator Peterson and Representative Miro have committed to adding \$100,000 to the Bond Bill to cover the operating costs at Polly Drummond starting in July.

Universal Recycling Grant Update

Jim S. let the members know the contracts are almost done. Either by today or end of next week they should be finished. He also explained that Don L. and he met with EDEN/REPLENISH and more information was submitted. They submitted 2 grant proposals and will keep them separate instead of combining them as the Council discussed at the April meeting. Jim S. said DNREC recommends EDEN/REPLENISH for full funding.

BJ voiced the need to develop some type of internal definition for salary costs for the next round of grants. Jim S. agreed modifications to the grant guidance are warranted as a result of the time and labor issues brought to light by the most recent grant applications.

Recycling Market Update

Paul B. reported that cardboard and paper was both down and that the export market had weakened.

Mike P. reported that single stream in April was the lowest it's been in 12 months but it is still holding in the positive. He also reported that the MRF would be fully functional by the end of June and will be scheduling a tour for the Council members. DSWA will be holding a community day event on September 7 at the MRF but the ribbon cutting will probably be in August.

Old/New Business

Don L. discussed the draft commercial outreach plan and would like to receive comments. He also stated that some RPAC members indicated outreach needed to be directed to the State Chambers of Commerce. Don L. explained a presentation is being put together to present at Chamber meetings. DNREC is also working with DSWA to conduct waste assessments for individuals businesses and organizations.

Marianne C. questioned the drop off/pick up location of recycling bin for Sea Colony. The Council determined that the HOA should contact the hauler and discuss the issues. Don L. also said that DNREC is available to come out for site assistance.

BJ brought up the fact that there is draft legislation by Reps. Brady and Longhurst to reduce the usage of plastic bags. Sen. McDowell volunteered to present it but it's only in draft form as of now. Marj C reported that DNREC requested a fiscal note in the legislation for 1 FTE and ½ Admin staff attached to it. This would be the Division of Waste and Hazardous Substances' largest single regulatory program if passed.

BJ asked if anyone was aware of other legislation and if so please inform RPAC immediately. Coralee said Mr. Black was trying to get something written up for recycling electronics.

Additional Public Comments

None

Next Meeting

September Day/Time/Location TBD at June meeting

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned approximately 11:04am.